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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1-24. (Canceled)
25. (Currently Amended) A solid detergent composition comprising:
- (a) an effective deterative amount of a neutralized anionic surfactant wherein the neutralized anionic surfactant comprises a result of neutralizing:
- (i) an anionic surfactant comprising alkyl benzene sulfonate; and
- (ii) at least one of alkali metal salt, alkaline metal earth salt, and mixtures thereof;
- (b) an effective deterative amount of an alkyl polyglycoside surfactant;
- (c) an effective deterative amount of an alcohol alkoxylate; and
- (d) an effective hardening amount of polyethylene glycol having a molecular weight of about 1,000 to 100,000; and a hardening agent, wherein the hardening agent comprises about 1 wt.% to about 75 wt.% based on the weight of the detergent composition, of polyethylene glycol
- (e) wherein the solid detergent composition is provided in the form of a block.
26. (Currently Amended) A solid detergent composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition further comprises an effective hardening amount of a hydratable salt~~hardening agent further comprises a hydratable salt.~~
27. (Previously Presented) A solid detergent composition according to claim 26, wherein the composition comprises up to about 50 wt.% of the hydratable salt, based on the weight of the detergent composition.

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28. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises about 3 wt.% to about 15 wt.% of the polyethylene glycol.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 28, wherein the polyethylene glycol has a molecular weight of from about 1,450 to about 20,000.

31. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition further comprises an effective hardening amount of inorganic salt~~hardening agent comprises an inorganic salt.~~

32. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 31, wherein the inorganic salt comprises acetate salt.

33. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition further comprises an effective hardening amount of polyethylene glycol and inorganic salt~~hardening agent comprises a mixture of polyethylene glycol and inorganic salt.~~

34. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the neutralized anionic surfactant comprises a result of neutralizing with a mixture of alkali metal salt and alkaline earth salt.

35. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 34, wherein the alkyl metal salt comprises a sodium salt, and the alkaline earth salt comprises a magnesium salt.

36. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 35, wherein the sodium salt and the magnesium salt are provided in a molar ratio of about 3:1 to about 1:1.

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37. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 35, wherein the molar ratio of the sodium salt to the magnesium salt is about 2:1.

38. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises about 1 wt.% to about 70 wt.% of the anionic surfactant.

39. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises about 35 wt.% to about 65 wt.% of the anionic surfactant.

40. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the alkyl polyglycoside surfactant comprises lauryl polyglycoside.

41. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises about 0.1 wt.% to about 15 wt.% of the alkyl polyglycoside surfactant.

42. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises about 5 wt.% to about 10 wt.% of the alkyl polyglycoside surfactant.

43. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises about 1 wt.% to about 30 wt.% of the alcohol alkoxylate.

44. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises about 5 wt.% to about 15 wt.% of the alcohol alkoxylate.

45. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition further comprises a bleaching agent.

46. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition further comprises a chelating agent.

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47. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition further comprises a defoaming agent.

48. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition further comprises an anti-redeposition agent.

49. (New) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition is dispensed from a mixer by extruding or casting.